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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
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- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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Attachment A

Information Disclosure statements (PTO-1449) Paper Mail Dates 1052004, 1132005 and 5022205

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 2,956,509 to Coopridner et al.

Coopridner shows a fluid dispensing pump in a locked position as seen in Fig. 1 having a skirt 12 to connect the pump to a reservoir, a pump chamber 10 with an opening 14 communicating with the reservoir, a slidably pump cylinder 28 with a channel built in, a check valve 22, an actuator 46, a biasing element 38 and an extension member axially aligned with and extending with the dispensing channel to seal the dispensing channel against the check valve to prevent fluid flow from the reservoir to the pump chamber and from the pump chamber to the dispensing channel, see column 3, lines 69-75.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 5-8, 10, 14-17 and 19-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2,956,509 to Coopridner et al. in view of US 5,720,419 to Li.

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Cooprider shows all claimed features as discussed above but is silent about using an elongated shuttle valve. Li shows a pump sprayer using an elongated shuttle valve 42 as seen in Fig. 1, or a spherical check valve as seen in Fig. 7. Li shows that the uses of spherical or elongated shuttle valves are equivalent structures use in the art. Therefore, because this two check valves were art recognized equivalents at the time the invention was made, one of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to substitute the spherical check valve in the device of Cooprider for the elongated shuttle valve of Li.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ford shows a plunger lock for manual dispensing pump. Ford et al. shows a vent-sealing down-locked pump. Foster shows a down-locking dispensing pump. Jellinek shows a pistol grip pump. Grothoff shows a plunger lock-up dispenser. Bonningue ('245) shows a dispensing pump. Tada shows a dispenser. Magers shows a down-locking dispensing pump. Bonningue ('064) shows a pump for dispensing a substance.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melvin A. Cartagena whose telephone number is (571) 272-4924. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30AM to 4:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Y. Mar can be reached on (571) 272-4906. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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